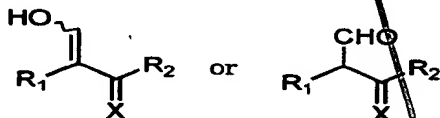


CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A process to produce compounds represented by a **general** formula (II);



General formula (II)

wherein

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R₁ represents hydrogen, halogeno, ~~optionally substituted~~ alkyl optionally substituted by alkoxy, alkylthio or halogen, ~~optionally substituted~~ alkoxy optionally substituted by halogen or aryl, a group having an alicyclic structure, a group ~~represented~~ represented by R₃S(O)_q, a group represented by R₄R₅N, a group represented by R₆C(=O), nitrile, nitro, a group represented by R₇C(=NR₈), ~~optionally substituted~~ aryl or aryloxy optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, ~~optionally substituted aryloxy~~, or ~~optionally substituted~~ aralkyl optionally substituted by halogen,

R₂ represents ~~optionally substituted alkyl~~ alkyl optionally substituted by alkoxy, alkylthio or halogen, ~~optionally substituted~~ alkoxy optionally substituted by halogen or aryl, a group having an alicyclic structure, optionally substituted amino, ~~optionally substituted~~ aryl optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted heterocyclic group or

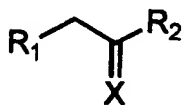
heteroaryl having a 5 to 7 membered mono cyclic or 9 to 11 membered fused ring
containing 1 to 3 nitrogen or oxygen, or optionally substituted aralkyl optionally substituted
by halogen,

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R₃, R₄ and R₅ each independently represents ~~optionally substituted~~ alkyl optionally substituted
by alkoxy, alkylthio or halogen, optionally substituted aryl optionally substituted by alkoxy,
halogen or alkyl which may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which
may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio,
alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted optionally substituted heterocyclic
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group or heteroaryl having a 5 to 7 membered mono cyclic or 9 to 11 membered fused ring
containing 1 to 3 nitrogen or oxygen, or optionally substituted aralkyl optionally substituted
by halogen,

R₆ and R₇ each independently represents ~~optionally substituted alkyl~~ alkyl optionally
substituted by alkoxy, alkylthio or halogen, optionally substituted alkoxy optionally
substituted by halogen or aryl, a group having an alicyclic structure, optionally substituted
amino, ~~optionally substituted~~ aryl optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which
may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by
haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl,
optionally substituted heterocyclic group or heteroaryl having a 5 to 7 membered mono cyclic
or 9 to 11 membered fused ring containing 1 to 3 nitrogen or oxygen, or optionally
substituted aralkyl optionally substituted by halogen,

R₈ represents ~~optionally substituted~~ alkyl optionally substituted by alkoxy, alkylthio or
halogen, optionally substituted alkoxy optionally substituted by halogen or aryl, nitrile,
nitro, ~~optionally substituted~~ aryl optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which

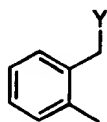
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^{cont} may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted heterocyclic ~~group~~ or heteroaryl having a 5 to 7 membered mono cyclic or 9 to 11 membered fused ring containing 1 to 3 nitrogen or oxygen, or optionally substituted aralkyl optionally substituted by halogen,
^{A²} q represents 0, 1 or 2, and R₉ and R₁₀ each independently represents hydrogen, lower alkyl or optionally substituted aryl optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, and R₁ and R₂ each represents a group which may bond to jointly form a ring, and X represents oxygen or a group represented by a formula of NR₉R₁₀, characterized in that the compound is subjected to a reaction with a methylene compound represented by a **general** formula (I);



General formula (I)

wherein R₁, R₂ and X are as defined above, with either a formic acid ester or an orthoformic acid ester in the presence of a Lewis acid and a base.

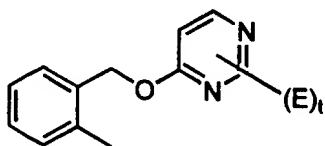
2. (Original) The production process according to claim 1, wherein the base is a tertiary amine.
3. (Currently Amended) The production process according to claim 1, wherein the group represented by R₁ in the **general** formula (I) is a group represented by the following formula;



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wherein Y represents a group to be eliminated when it is reacted with a nucleophilic reagent, optionally substituted phenoxy or optionally substituted heteroaryloxy, and the group represented by R₂ is a group represented by a formula of OR₁₁, wherein R₁₁ represents lower alkyl.

4. (Currently Amended) The production process according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the **general** formula (I) is methyl 2-[(2-isopropoxy-6-trifluoromethylpyrimidine-4-yl)oxymethyl]phenylacetate.

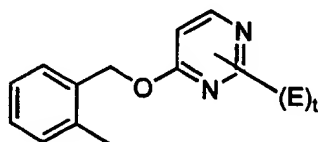
5. (Currently Amended) Compound represented the **general** formula (I), wherein the group represented by R₁ is a group represented by the following formula;



wherein E represents C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, C₁₋₈ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkoxy, optionally substituted amino, a group represented by a formula of R₂₆S(O)_p, wherein R₂₆ represents alkyl or aryl and p represents 0, 1 or 2, ~~optionally substituted~~ aralkyl optionally substituted by halogen, optionally substituted aryloxy optionally substituted by alkoxy, halogen or alkyl which may be substituted by halogen, phenoxy or heteroaryloxy which may be substituted by haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, nitrile, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl or alkylsulfinyl, optionally substituted heterocyclic ~~group~~ or heteroaryl having a 5 to 7 membered mono cyclic or 9 to 11 membered fused ring containing 1 to 3 nitrogen or oxygen, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy, a group having an alicyclic structure, nitrile, nitro, alkoxycarbonyl, formyl or

carboxyl, t represents 0, 1, 2 or 3, provided E each represents a same or different group when t is 2 or more integer.

6. (Currently Amended) Compounds represented by the ~~general~~ formula (II), wherein the group represented by R_1 is a group represented by the following formula;



wherein E and t are as defined above.

7-34. (Withdrawn Due to Restriction Requirement)